

Sir and at present to weare to stier abroad doe humbly
 crave yo^r excuse but have in the behalf of Roger Birn
 promised according as hee engaged and sent a Certificate from
 m^r James Howles of his Disposall of him to m^r Henry Smith
 the which with the former from Capt^a Thomas Smith Suppos^d
 will give yo^r wor^{sh} sufficient knowledge of the abuse that
 been to the poore fellowe in his (as I Judge wrong detour
 And whereas m^r Smith doth alledge his being Judged at
 the Col^l of Anomacke it was five yeares after his arrivall
 And suppose yo^r wor^{sh} are sensible that the James of birn^a
 doe provide that a servant without indenture if bought
 under age shall be Judged within three Col^l or not at all, but
 you that shall leave to yo^r wor^{sh} better Judgement not doubting
 of yo^r high benignity to the poore fellowe and yo^r favourabl^e
 Consure of my necessitated absence and discharge my selfe
 as really am yo^r wor^{sh} servant to Command
 Walter Taylor

Subscription
 This for the Right wor^{sh} the Comm^r for the County of
 Somersseth present at Anomacke; / /

To the wor^{sh} Col^l at Anomacke
 This sheweth me to Certifie that I James Howles did buy of
 Capt^a Thomas Smith three more servants and they were to
 serve me according to the Custom of the Countie whereof
 Roger Burden was one and he did serve me about five
 yeares and did sell the remainder of his time to m^r Henry
 Smith which was three yeares more and here to be seen
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